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Pope Benedict XVI talks to journalists during a press conference aboard the airplane, Tuesday, May 11, 2010, on the way to Lisbon for his four day visit to Portugal.

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# Oil exes grilled on spill's 'cascade of failures'

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress called BP and its drilling partners to account Tuesday for a “cascade of failures” behind the spreading oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, zeroing in on a crucial chain of events at the deep-sea wellhead just before an explosion consumed the rig and set off the catastrophic rupture.

In back-to-back Senate inquiries, executives of the three companies at the heart of the massive spill were chastised by senators because of attempts to shift the blame to each other. They were asked to explain why better preparations had not been made to head off the accident.

“Let me be really clear,” Lamar McKay, chairman of BP America, told the hearing. “Liability, blame, fault — put it over here.”

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From left to right, Lamar McKay, President and Chairman of BP American, Steven Newman, President and Chief Executive Officer Transocean Limited and Tim Probert, President, Global Business Lines and Chief Health, Safety and Environmental Officer Halliburton testify before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, on Capitol Hill in Washington Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

*Associated Press*

## Britain's David Cameron becomes PM; Brown out

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LONDON (AP) — David Cameron, the youthful leader who modernized the party of right-wing icon Margaret Thatcher, became prime minister Thursday after the resignation of Gordon Brown — capping a gripping election saga that returns the Tories to government after 13 years of Labour Party rule. According to tradition, Queen Elizabeth II appointed Cameron at Buckingham Palace — the stately denouement to a behind-the-scenes dogfight between Cameron and Brown for the cooperation of Britain's third-place party, after an election that left no party with a majority. Within minutes, Cameron was installed at No. 10 Downing Street and an announcement followed that Liberal Democrat leader, Nick Clegg, would become deputy prime minister after days of hard bargaining with his former political rivals.

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Britain's new Prime Minister David Cameron, left, accompanied by his wife Samantha, arrives at his official residence at No.10 Downing Street in central London, Tuesday May 11, 2010. Conservatives' leader Cameron has entered 10 Downing Street as new Prime Minister promising to lead Britain through to “better times ahead”.

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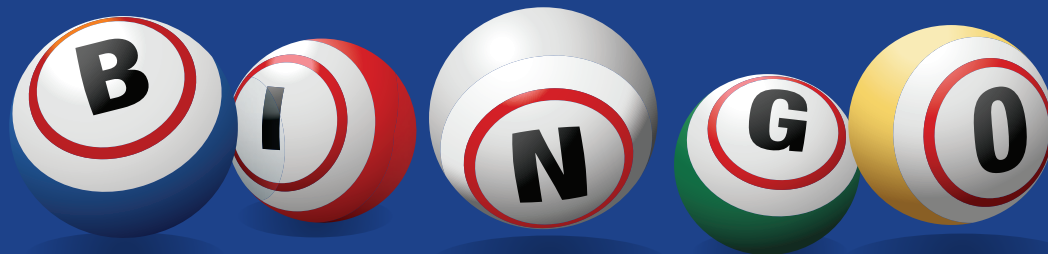
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## Clinton reassures Afghans of U.S. long-term support



Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, watches as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at a reception at the State Department in Washington, Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

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**Associated Press Writers**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton conceded Tuesday that U.S. relations with Afghanistan are strained but assured President Hamid Karzai that the United States will stand behind his country long after the last American soldier is gone.

A day before Karzai is to meet President Barack Obama at the White House, Clinton and other senior administration officials gathered at the State Department with their Afghan counterparts for talks on how to force the Taliban to end their insurgency.

The backdrop to the meetings is a rocky relationship between the Obama administration and Karzai, and Tuesday's talks were designed to present at least the appearance of a partnership on the mend.

The Obama administration in

*Associated Press* the past criticized Karzai for tolerating corruption and drug trafficking in his government, while Karzai has accused Washington of failing to give him the support he needs to govern.

In opening remarks, Clinton and Karzai stressed the positive but acknowledged that sharp differences have complicated efforts to stabilize Afghanistan more than eight years after the Taliban regime was overthrown by a U.S.-led invasion.

"The ability to disagree on issues of importance to our respective countries and peoples is not an obstacle to achieving our shared objectives," Clinton said. "Rather, it reflects a level of trust that is essential to any meaningful dialogue and enduring strategic partnership."

Karzai, with Clinton sitting at his side, also said it was natural

for Kabul and Washington to see the situation differently, even while working together toward the same goals.

"As two mature nations and two mature governments — by now the Afghan government is mature, too — we will be having disagreements from time to time," Karzai said.

The Afghan leader later visited wounded U.S. soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In remarks afterward at the State Department, he spoke in emotional terms of his gratitude for U.S. sacrifices.

"To see those young American soldiers, some with very young babies and children, one who just lost both legs the other who lost both arms and legs, it is really painful experience, an extremely painful wound for me," Karzai said. "I wish that we will have no more people losing their lives and limbs like that."

Karzai will get a more in-depth look at the U.S. military's role when he makes a planned visit Friday to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, home of the 101st Airborne Division, which is deploying to Afghanistan during the next several weeks. Clinton's pledge of a long-term U.S. commitment to Afghanistan reflects the administration's realization that many Afghans see the war as a conflict pursued by the United States for its own interests: to forestall another terrorist attack on the United States. Afghans fear the United States will abandon them once

they achieve their objectives.

"We will not abandon the Afghan people," Clinton said. "Our civilian commitment will remain long into the future."

At an evening reception, Clinton told a gathering of Afghan, American and other diplomatic representatives and business executives: "We are working on plans for finalizing a strategic partnership declaration later this year." She offered no details, but Karzai has wanted a more formal declaration of a long-term U.S. commitment to his country, including security assistance.

Tuesday's meetings focused on political as well as military problems, in particular Washington and Kabul's efforts to come up with a common strategy for political reconciliation with foes of the Afghan government, including the Taliban.

Karzai has said overtures to the Taliban are crucial but stand little chance of success without the support of the United States and NATO.

It is unclear how far apart the U.S. and Afghan positions remain, but the Obama administration has shown no sign that it is ready to make peace with top Taliban leaders.

The go-slow approach reflects differences of opinion within the White House and military, and queasiness about any accommodation with the Taliban who harbored al-Qaida leaders before the Sept.

11, 2001, attacks.

Rick Nelson, a retired U.S. Navy officer who served in Afghanistan last year and is now a counterterrorism expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the administration now recognizes that it has little option but to support Karzai and promise a long-term commitment.

"Even if the troops do come home, we're not going to abandon Afghanistan — we cannot abandon Afghanistan — as long as we continue to get these threats from western Pakistan," Nelson said, referring not only to al-Qaida leaders like Osama bin Laden but also extremists groups like the Pakistani Taliban.

At the State Department on Tuesday, U.S. and Afghan officials also discussed strategies for boosting Afghan agriculture, education and health, as well as battling corruption.

At the opening session in the ornate Benjamin Franklin room, Defense Secretary Robert Gates sat next to his Afghan counterpart, Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak, rather than across from him.

Also present for the Obama administration were CIA Director Leon Panetta; McChrystal, Joint Chiefs chairman Adm. Mike Mullen, special envoy Richard Holbrooke and Karl Eikenberry, the U.S. ambassador to Kabul.

Gates was meeting later with Wardak at the Pentagon. □

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# 5 dead, dozens injured as tornadoes hit central US

TIM TALLEY

Associated Press Writer

NORMAN, Oklahoma (AP)

— Violent storms that tore through the central U.S. killed five people and injured dozens more, leaving behind flattened homes, toppled semitrailers and downed power lines.

Oklahoma City Deputy Fire Chief Cecil Clay refused to rule out the possibility of finding more dead but said conditions were tough for rescue workers Tuesday.

“We have heavy fog (and) power lines down making it difficult to see all the hazards out there,” he said.

Several tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma and Kansas on Monday as the storms moved through the area, dumping hail as big as baseballs, splintering mobile homes and leaving thousands of people without power.

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management spokesman Jerry Lojka said two people were killed in Oklahoma City and three were killed in Cleveland County, south of the city.

Oklahoma City officials said the fatalities there involved a young boy who was hit by debris in his home and a man whose recreational vehicle flipped over on top of him. Details on the Cleveland County deaths weren't immediately available.

Officials reported that at least 58 others were injured — two of them critically — in a tornado outbreak that forecasters had been predicting since last week.

Gov. Brad Henry on Tuesday declared a state of emergency

in 56 Oklahoma counties and planned to tour hard-hit areas with U.S. Congressmen from the state.

Authorities in Oklahoma City urged residents to stay off the roads in affected areas Tuesday to allow rescue workers to

search for survivors among the wreckage of their homes.

More thunderstorms were expected Tuesday, but they were not predicted to be as severe, said meteorologist Ty Judd with the National Weather Service. □



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The logos of Transocean and BP Plc are seen on the derrick of the Development Driller III, which is drilling the relief well at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, off the coast of Louisiana Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

## CASCADE OF FAILURES Continued from Front Page

He said: "Our obligation is to deal with the spill, clean it up and make sure the impacts of that spill are compensated, and we're going to do that."

*Associated Press*

By "over here," McKay meant the witness table at which BP, Transocean and Halliburton executives sat shoulder to shoulder. And despite his acknowledgment of responsibility, each company

defended its own operations and raised questions about its partners in the project gone awry.

Lawmakers compared the calamity to some of history's most notorious mishaps from sea to space in the first congressional inquiry into the April 20 explosion and so-far unstoppable spill. In the crowded hearing room, eight young activists sat in quiet protest, with black T-shirts saying, "Energy Shouldn't Cost Lives." Several wore black painted spots near their eyes to symbolize tear drops made from oil.

Said Democratic Sen. Jeff Bingaman, chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, "If this is like other catastrophic failures of technological systems in modern history, whether it was the sinking of the Titanic, Three Mile Island, or the loss of the Challenger, we will likely discover that there was a cascade of failures and technical and human and regulatory errors."

The corporate finger-pointing prompted an admonishment from Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of oil-rich Alaska that "we are all in this together" in trying to shut off the oil and find a safer way to exploit vital energy.

"This accident has reminded us of a cold reality, that the production of energy will never be without risk or environmental consequence," she said. Still, she said, "there will be no excuse" if operators are found to have violated the law.

Failure to plug the leak was intensifying impatience, from the contaminated Gulf waters to the White House.

"The president is frustrated with everything, the president is frustrated with everybody, in the sense that we still have an oil leak," said spokesman

Robert Gibbs. "That includes us, that includes everybody that's involved with this."

A BP spokesman told The Associated Press an oil containment box known as a "top hat" was being brought to the site and undersea robots would position it over the gusher by Thursday. The new device is much smaller than one that failed during the weekend.

Ramifications from the environmental crisis spilled over into landmark climate change and energy legislation that is coming out Wednesday. The bill from Sens. John Kerry and Joe Lieberman proposes letting coastal states veto drilling projects off the shores of neighboring states if they can show the potential for harm.

Senators sought assurances that BP PLC will pay what could amount to billions of dollars in economic and environmental damages. McKay repeatedly said his company would pay for cleanup costs and all "legitimate" claims for damages, and not try to limit itself to an existing federal limit of \$75 million on such damages.

BP was the exploratory well's owner and overall operator, Transocean the rig's owner and Halliburton a subcontractor that was encasing the well pipe in cement before plugging it in anticipation of future production.

The explosion is thought to have begun with a surge of methane gas from deep within the well, and while the cause remains under early investigation, the testimony Tuesday provided some insight into what might have been involved.

Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions grew frustrated grilling the executives about why engineers replaced a heavy "mud" compound in the well

with much lighter sea water — thereby reducing downward pressure on the oil — when they were temporarily capping the site for future exploitation. He quoted an oil rig worker saying, "That's when the well came at us, basically."

"I'm not familiar with the individual procedure on that well," BP's McKay said.

Steven Newman, Transocean's president and CEO, and Halliburton executive Tim Probert repeatedly told Sessions they did not know how often sea water instead of the compound was used to seal Gulf wells.

"Well, you do this business, do you not?" the senator demanded. "You're under oath. I'm just asking you a simple question."

Democratic Sen. Frank Lautenberg remarked in the day's other hearing: "The conclusion that I draw is that nobody assumes the responsibility."

McKay said that a key piece of safety equipment, the aptly named blowout preventer, had failed to work and made it clear it was owned by Transocean. "That was the fail-safe in case of an accident," said McKay.

Transocean's Newman responded that offshore production projects "begin and end with the operator, in this case BP" and his company's drilling job was completed three days before the explosion.

There is "no reason to believe" the blowout protector mechanics failed.

Newman wanted senators to know Halliburton was in the process of pouring cement into the pipe to plug it but the final well cap had not yet been put in place.

Halliburton's Probert said his company followed BP's drilling plan, federal regulations and industry practices. □

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## Disputed Mojave cross honoring war dead stolen

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A cross erected on a remote Mojave Desert outcropping to honor American war dead was stolen less than two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court allowed it to remain standing while a legal battle continued over its presence on federal land.

Versions of the memorial have been vandalized repeatedly in the last 75 years and the motive this time was not immediately known, but the theft was condemned Tuesday by veterans groups that support the cross and by civil libertarians that saw it as a violation of the constitutional separation of church and state.

"The American Legion expects whoever is responsible for this vile act to be brought to justice," said Clarence Hill, the group's national commander.

Attorney Peter Eliasberg of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which sued on behalf of an opponent of the cross, said the organization rejects any resort to theft or vandalism.

"We believe in the rule of law and we think the proper way to resolve any controversy about the cross is through the courts," he said.

The 7-foot-high (2-meter-high) metal cross vanished from its perch in the Mojave National Preserve late Sunday or early Monday, said National Park Service spokeswoman Linda Slater. Bolts holding it to the rock were cut.

Slater said possible scenarios ranged from people "with an interest in the case" to metal scavengers.

The U.S. Justice Department was looking into the case.

The cross has been the center of a legal dispute for about a decade since a complaint by a former park service employee represented by the ACLU.

On a 5-4 vote in April, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to order its removal. The high court told a federal judge to take a new look at a congressional plan to transfer land under the cross to private ownership.

The theft was discovered when workers went to replace a plywood cover that was placed over the cross years ago pending

resolution of the case and had been torn off during the weekend.

The isolated site in the 1.6 million-acre (.65 million-hectare) preserve is a small rise amid Joshua trees along a road far off busy Interstate 15, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) northeast of Los Angeles and 70 miles (110 kilometers) south of Las Vegas.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars first placed a wooden cross on Sunrise Rock in 1934 to honor soldiers killed in World War I.

The metal cross that was stolen was erected in the late 1990s by the memorial's longtime caretakers, Henry and Wanda Sandoz of Yucca Valley.

Liberty Institute, an organization representing the Sandozes and veterans groups, offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to an arrest or conviction.

Wanda Sandoz said the cross had been vandalized in the past, but such instances had become rarer since her husband bolted it down.

"I was really upset and I was crying, and I said: 'Well, we'll show them. We'll put up a bigger one and a better one,'" she said. "And Henry said: 'No we won't. We will put one up exactly like the veterans put up.'"

The VFW also promised that the memorial will be rebuilt.

"This was a legal fight that a vandal just made personal to 50 million veterans, military personnel and their families," National Commander Thomas J. Tradewell said.

It was not immediately clear, however, whether a replacement cross would be permitted.

"We're waiting for news from the Department of Justice as to what we should do. The case is still in litigation," said Slater, the park service spokeswoman.

Federal courts ruled earlier in this decade that having the cross in the national preserve was unconstitutional. The issue that most recently went to the Supreme Court was the rejection by lower courts of the congressional effort to solve the problem by transferring the land into private hands.



This undated photo taken by Henry and Wanda Sandoz and made available Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, by the Liberty Legal Institute shows the memorial known as the "Mojave Cross", on an outcrop known as Sunrise Rock in the Mojave National Preserve, in Calif.

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# Pope: Church's own sins to blame in sex scandal



Pope Benedict XVI talks to journalists during a press conference aboard the airplane, Tuesday, May 11, 2010, on the way to Lisbon for his four day visit to Portugal.

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LISBON, Portugal (AP) — In his most thorough admission

of the church's guilt in the clerical sex abuse scandal, Pope Benedict XVI said the greatest persecution of the

*Associated Press*

institution "is born from the sins within the church," and not from a campaign by outsiders.

The pontiff said Tuesday the Catholic church has always been tormented by problems of its own making — a tendency that is being witnessed today "in a truly terrifying way."

"The church needs to profoundly relearn penitence, accept purification, learn forgiveness but also justice," he said. "Forgiveness cannot substitute justice," he said.

Benedict was responding to journalists' questions, submitted in advance, aboard the papal plane as he flew to Portugal for a four-day visit.

In a shift from the Vatican's initial claim that the church was the victim of a campaign by the media and abortion

rights and pro-gay marriage groups, Benedict said: "The greatest persecution of the church doesn't come from enemies on the outside but is born from the sins within the church."

Previously, he has taken to task the abusers themselves and, in the case of Ireland, the bishops who failed to stop them. Benedict has promised that the church would take action to protect children and make abusive priests face justice. He has started cleaning house, accepting the resignations of a few bishops who either admitted they molested youngsters or covered up for priests who did.

Critics are demanding more. They recall that while Benedict has scolded his church and accepted some bishops' resignations, none of them has been actively punished or defrocked, even those who admitted molesting children.

"Many are tiring of hearing about his 'strong comments.' They want to see strong action," said David Clohessy, director of the main U.S. victims' group, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests. Portugal has reported no cases of abuse, and the pontiff was expected to address other issues during his appearances here, especially the neglect of Christian values.

After staying in the capital, the 83-year-old pope was due to go to the shrine at Fatima, in central Portugal, on Wednesday and to Porto, the second-largest city, on Friday. At least 500,000 people are expected to attend his Mass in Fatima on Thursday, the anniversary of the day in 1917 when three Portuguese shepherd children reported visions of the Virgin Mary.

Church bells rang out in Lisbon as the pontiff proceeded

through the Atlantic port city in his popemobile. Several thousand people lined the streets on a showery day, many shouting, "Viva o Papa!" Some stretches of the route were thinly attended, however.

Portugal is nearly 90 percent Catholic, but only around 2 million of its 10.6 million people describe themselves as practicing Catholics. In recent years, Portugal has drifted away from the church's teachings.

Its center-left Socialist government passed a law in 2007 allowing abortion. The following year, it introduced a law allowing divorce even if one of the spouses is opposed. It said the legislation was part of Portugal's "modernization."

Benedict, who has expressed concern about the forfeiture of traditional values in Europe, sharply criticized Portugal's abortion law in remarks at Lisbon airport. He also decried the failure of public officials to uphold the sanctity of life.

"The point at issue is not an ethical confrontation between a secular and religious system, so much as a question about the meaning that we give to our freedom," he said.

The pontiff's visit coincides with another tense moment between the elected authorities and the church. Conservative President Anibal Cavaco Silva has to decide by next week whether to veto or ratify a bill passed by Parliament that would make Portugal the sixth country in Europe allowing same-sex couples to marry.

Benedict did not comment on that development, but he returned to his criticism of the financial and economic crisis which, he said, demonstrated the need for "an ethical component" in running the global financial system. □

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**DAVID CAMERON**

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The 43-year-old Cameron becomes Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years — the last was Lord Liverpool at 42 — and cemented a coalition deal with the third-place Liberal Democrats. Clegg and four other Liberal Democrats received Cabinet posts. A number of other Liberal Democrats would receive junior posts.

The agreement, reached over five sometimes tense days of negotiation, delivered Britain's first full coalition government since World War II.

Cameron and Clegg agreed to a pact after the Conservative Party won the most seats in Britain's May 6 national election, but fell short of winning a majority of seats in Parliament.

Cameron's Conservative Party said ex-leader William Hague will serve as Foreign Secretary, senior lawmaker George Osborne as Treasury chief, and lawmaker Liam Fox as defense secretary.

Other leading positions were being finalized, as were key policy decision ahead of the presentation of the coalition's first legislative program on May 25.

The coalition has already agreed on a five-year, fixed term Parliament — the first time Britain has had the date of its next election decided in advance. Both sides have made compromise, and Cameron has promised Clegg a referendum on his key issue: Reform of Britain's electoral system aimed at creating a more proportional system.

"We are going to form a new government — more importantly, we are going to form a new kind of government," Clegg said

in a news conference after his party's lawmakers overwhelmingly approved his decision to enter a coalition with Cameron.

Arriving at London's Downing Street hand-in-hand with his wife Samantha, Cameron said he believed that Britain's "best days lie ahead."

Britain's new government could spell changing relationships with its foreign allies.

Both Cameron and Clegg have signaled they favor looser ties to Washington. Both men back the Afghanistan mission but Cameron hopes to withdraw British troops within five years. Clegg has said he's uneasy at a rising death toll.

Relations with European neighbors could also become problematic. Cameron's party is deeply skeptical over cooperation in Europe, and has withdrawn from an alliance with the parties of Germany's Angela Merkel and France's Nicolas Sarkozy. Clegg, once a member of the European parliament, has long been pro-European.

"We have some deep and pressing problems — a huge deficit, deep social problems, a political system in need of reform," Cameron said, as he took office. "For those reasons, I aim to form a proper and full coalition between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats."

Hundreds of onlookers, many of them booing, crowded the gates of Downing Street to watch on, as Cameron swept into his new home in a silver limousine less than 90 minutes after an emotional Brown had made a farewell address.

"Nick Clegg and I are both political leaders who want to put aside party differences and work hard for the common good and for the national interest," Cameron said.

President Barack Obama telephoned to congratulate Cameron, and invited him to visit Washington this summer, according to the White House. Obama told Cameron that he looked forward to meeting at an international economic summit to be held in Canada next month.

The high political drama came as the Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties hammered out details of a coalition deal after the country's inconclusive election.

Standing outside 10 Downing St. alongside his wife Sarah, Brown spoke in strained tones as he wished Cameron well.

"Only those who have held the office of prime minister can understand the full weight of its responsibilities and its great capacity for good."

After his brief statement, the 59-year-old Brown walked hand-in-hand with his wife and young sons John and Fraser down Downing Street, where a car waited to take him to the palace for a 15-minute meeting.

Minutes later he arrived at Labour Party headquarters, where he was greeted warmly by cheering staffers.

Brown told party workers his deputy Harriet Harman would become interim Labour leader until a formal leadership takes place to select his permanent successor.

Despite opening their own formal talks with Clegg's party Tuesday, Labour



**Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown, right, accompanied by his wife Sarah, left, and their children, John, 2nd right, and Fraser, leave his official residence at No.10 Downing Street in central London, after he announced his resignation, Tuesday May 11, 2010.**

*Associated Press*

— which lost 91 seats and finished behind Cameron's Conservative in the election — saw the chances of a deal quickly vanish.

Senior Labour legislators said they feared such a pact — dubbed a "coalition of the defeated" by some — would lack legitimacy and anger the public, who'd wreak revenge on the party at a future election.

"I think we have got to respect the result of the general election and you cannot get away from the fact that Labour didn't win," Labour's Health Secretary Andy Burnham told the BBC.

Clegg's party said in a statement Brown's Labour Party "see opposition as a more attractive alternative to the challenges of creating a progressive, reforming government."

Brown's resignation ends five days of uncertainty after last week's general election left the country with no clear winner. It left Britain with its first so-called hung Parliament since 1974. Britain's Conservatives won

the most seats but fell short of a majority, forcing them to bid against the Labour Party for the loyalty of the Lib Dems.

Conservative and Liberal Democrat teams met for several hours Tuesday. Rank-and-file members of the two parties held separate talks in London late into the night and both approved the coalition deal.

Former Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown said the coalition had agreed on a policy platform all members of his party would be proud of. But he said he regretted that Labour had failed to strike a deal with his party.

"The Labour Party had an opportunity to create a progressive coalition and they walked away from it," Ashdown said. "That was an act in my view of straight cowardice."

Brown's departure follows three successive election victories for his center-left Labour Party, all of which were won by his predecessor Tony Blair, who ousted the Conservatives in 1997. □

# APNewsBreak: U.S. reviewing Iraq troop pullout pace

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BAGHDAD (AP) —

American commanders, worried about increased violence in the wake of Iraq's inconclusive elections, are now reconsidering the pace of a major troop pullout this summer, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The withdrawal of the first major wave of troops is expected to be delayed by about a month, the officials said. Waiting much longer could endanger President Barack Obama's goal of reducing the force level from 92,000 to 50,000 troops by Aug. 31.

More than two months after parliamentary elections, the Iraqis have still not formed a new government, and militants aiming to exploit the void have carried out attacks like Monday's bombings and shootings that killed at least 119 people — the country's bloodiest day of 2010.

The threat has prompted military officials to look at keeping as many troops on the ground, for as long as possible, without missing the Aug. 31 deadline. A security agreement between the two nations requires American troops to be out of Iraq by the end of 2011.

In Baghdad and Washington, U.S. officials say they remain committed to the deadline, which Obama has said he would extend only if Iraq's security deteriorates.

Getting out of Iraq quickly and responsibly was among Obama's top campaign promises in 2008. Extending the deadline could be politically risky back home — but so could anarchy and a bloodbath following a hasty retreat.

Two senior administration officials said the White House is closely watching to see if the Aug. 31 date needs to be pushed back — if only to ensure enough security forces are in place to prevent or respond to militant attacks. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the administration's internal discussions.

Already, the violence, fueled



**U.S. Army soldiers sit on top of a Stryker vehicle, Monday, April 26, 2010, while observing traffic on Highway 1 in the Maiwand district of Kandahar province. Stryker platoons from 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade, are tasked with patrolling and securing Highway 1 and the open ground that surrounds it to provide safe passage for vehicles traveling between Kandahar City and Helmand Province. The American-led effort to wrest control of southern Afghanistan is off to a slow start and the political clock is ticking as U.S. troops head into what could be the bloodiest fight yet in the eight-year war.**

by Iraq's political instability, will likely postpone the start of what the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Army Gen. Ray Odierno, has called the withdrawal "waterfall" — sending home large numbers of troops in a very swift period.

In a January interview with the AP, Odierno said he hoped to start withdrawing as many as a monthly average of 12,500 troops, starting in May, to meet the August deadline. He has long said he would not start the withdrawal until two months after Iraq's March 7 elections to ensure stability. But three U.S. officials in Baghdad and a senior Pentagon official said that the "waterfall" is now expected to begin in June at the earliest. All cited ongoing concerns about whether the political impasse would lead to violence, and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the process more candidly.

"From a military perspective, the best way for us to maintain security is to hold as many forces on the ground until we need to redeploy them," said one of the senior officials in Baghdad. The official said it would be wise for Odierno

to wait as long as he can, given the unsettled political conditions in Iraq.

At the Pentagon, "there's been a renewed focus on Iraq lately," said the senior military official there. He said all options were being considered, including later delays, adding that "we need to get out in an appropriate way ... not completely tied to a timeline."

Maj. Gen. Stephen Lanza, the top U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, said Tuesday that troops "are on track" to draw down by the president's Aug. 31 deadline, but he would not discuss whether the pace was being slowed.

Although "there is still work to be done here," Lanza noted that overall violence across Iraq is lower than it has been in years.

"There are still terrorists who wish to disrupt Iraq's forward progress and Monday's attacks are an example of that," Lanza said.

Shortly before the election, there were 96,000 U.S. troops in the country. About 4,000 troops were sent home in April — including military dentists, postal workers, truck drivers and other support personnel.

As of last week, there were about 92,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, meaning an average of 10,500 a month would have to be pulled out.

Odierno can wait only so long to start the "waterfall." Keeping tens of thousands of soldiers in Iraq until the last minute will create a logistical nightmare with a limited number of planes, trucks and ships available to get troops and equipment out.

In the meantime, the U.S. Embassy is looking for ways to push Iraqis to resolve the deadlock. Iraq's political leaders are only just now taking preliminary steps toward creating a new government, which has been stalled by ballot challenges and bickering over whether to disqualify winning candidates accused of having links to the outlawed Baathist Party.

The little progress made so far — the creation last week of a Shiite-dominated political alliance that could control Iraq's government and keep Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in power — appears so fragile that the U.S. Embassy's No. 2 official, Cameron Munter, described it as "a prenup, not a marriage."

If it holds, the partnership between al-Maliki's State of Law coalition and the religious Shiite Iraqi National Alliance threatens to anger Sunnis who heavily backed al-Maliki's main rival, Iraqiya. If Sunnis continue to feel sidelined, that in turn could fuel sectarian tensions and raise fears of new violence.

What to do about the morass — and potential effects on the rest of the Mideast — also has been a heated topic between Washington and the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

In a tense April 28 videoteleconference between Washington and American diplomats in Baghdad, Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg forcefully told the embassy to be more aggressive with Iraqi leaders, according to two senior U.S. officials who were on the conversation.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the call.

Late last month, Obama told advisers to "remain focused and not assume it'll all work out," according to another senior administration official. "Any drawdown tied to Iraq's politics in a precise way would seem to be in need of revision now," said Michael O'Hanlon, an Iraq expert at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "We had sort of assumed more progress by this point when first laying out the plan."

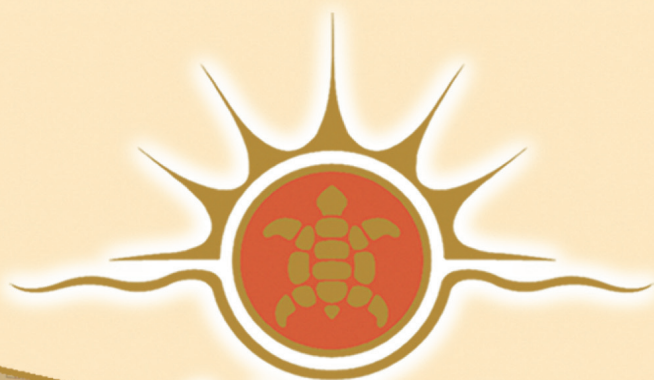
Two senior U.S. officials in Baghdad said strong-arm tactics to push a compromise could include:

—Withholding financial aid to Iraq until the new government is seated.

—Being more public with their criticism to galvanize public pressure on Iraqi leaders.

—Threatening, privately at first, to pick a side in the power play between al-Maliki and his chief rival, former premier Ayad Allawi. Sunni voters helped supply Allawi and his secular Iraqiya political coalition with a two-seat lead over al-Maliki's State of Law alliance in the parliamentary election. □

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# Chilean police detain Pakistani in U.S. Embassy

FEDERICO QUILODRAN

Associated Press Writer

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)

— Traces of explosives were found on a Pakistani man who was summoned to the U.S. Embassy because his U.S. visa had been revoked, authorities said Tuesday, and a Chilean judge ordered him held in a high-security prison under anti-terrorism laws.

Mohammed Saif-ur-Rehman Khan, 28, was detained Monday after the embassy's detectors were set off by traces of bomb-making material, said Mario Schilling, a Chilean prosecutor's spokesman. Schilling did not elaborate on what kind of explosives were involved or provide more details about the case.

U.S. Ambassador Paul Simon said there was not any indication that the embassy was a target of an attack.

A judge agreed on Tuesday to keep Khan behind bars for five more days under Chile's anti-terrorism law to give more time for the investigation. Khan has not been charged with any crime.

Before being taken to jail, Khan was driven by police to a hospital for a medical checkup, and was able to briefly speak to reporters from a window of the police vehicle.

"No, I am not a terrorist. I do

not have nothing to do with bombs, I am a working man," he said in heavily accented English.

"This represents an attempt by them to cover up their shame for what they have done in Iraq and Pakistan," he added, according to Chile's Radio Cooperativa.

His detention came nine days after Faisal Shahzad, a Pakistan-born U.S. citizen, allegedly tried to set off a bomb-laden SUV in New York's Times Square after receiving training from the Taliban in Pakistan.

Chile's interior minister, Rodrigo Hinzpeter, promised a thorough investigation. "We will be relentless in the fight against any form of crime, especially terrorism," he told reporters while touring southern Chile.

In Washington, the State Department spokesman, P.J. Crowley, said U.S. and Chilean officials would conduct a joint investigation.

Investigators in white hazardous-materials suits searched Khan's apartment in a student residence in downtown Santiago.

A senior State Department official in Washington said U.S. authorities had received information about Khan that led them to revoke his visa



Police officers escort Pakistan's Mohammed Saif-ur-Rehman Khan, 28, center, as he arrives to a hospital for a medical check-up in Santiago, Tuesday, May 11, 2010. Traces of explosives were found on Khan, who was summoned to the U.S. Embassy because his U.S. visa had been revoked, State Department officials in Washington said.

and he was asked to visit the embassy in Santiago so diplomats could inform him of the revocation, as required by U.S. law. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly. Simon, the U.S. ambassador, told The Associated Press the embassy called Chile's government and police after

"security procedures detected some traces of explosives during the interview." He said it didn't appear the embassy itself was targeted.

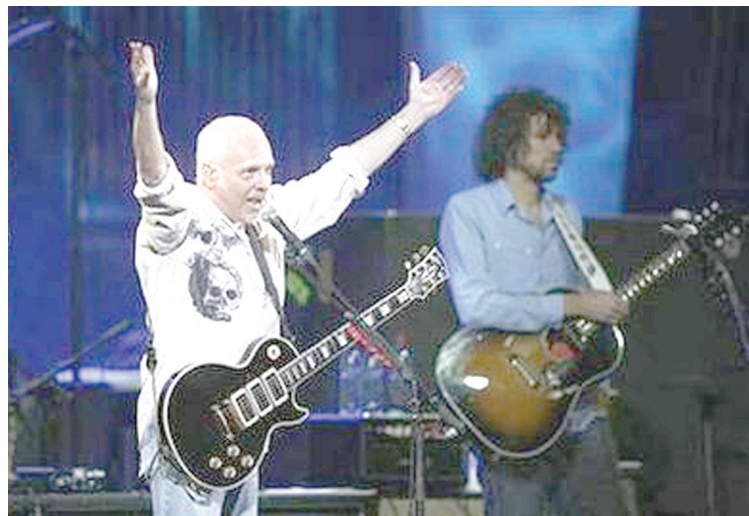
According to the Chilean newspaper La Segunda, the substance detected was Tetryl, a compound used to increase the explosive power of TNT. Asked about the report, Schilling, the prosecutor's

spokesman, said, "I am not authorized to say that." He also wouldn't comment on a report in the newspaper El Mercurio that the substance was detected on a bag, documents and cellular telephone carried by Khan.

El Mercurio reported that Khan was in Chile legally to study tourism and had a job at a hotel. □

Associated Press

# Peter Frampton at 60: Do you feel like I feel?



English singer and composer Peter Frampton performs at the 49th International Song Festival in Vina Del Mar city, about 75 miles (120 km) northwest of Santiago, February 22, 2008.

REUTERS/Eliseo Fernandez

By Steve James

NEW YORK (Reuters) — The cascading golden locks are cropped close now and he just turned 60, but Peter Frampton feels he has rediscovered the creative drive that made him one of rock's biggest acts. He readily admits the energy that made his 1976 album, "Frampton Comes Alive" rock's biggest-selling live

recording, got lost in an alcohol and drug-induced haze for many years. "I got sober seven years ago. Not that I was a habitual user, but I would drink, and I would drug, whatever..." he told Reuters in a recent interview. "I'd been doing it for a while and you never get to the point where you can think clearly enough to mature or to grow.

It stunts your growth as a person.

"I had to do what I had to do to get where I am now, but what I'm saying is the clarity I have, the enjoyment of the creativity is so much greater," he said. The British-born guitarist, who became a U.S. citizen after the 2001 attacks and now lives in Cincinnati with his third wife, Tina, says the proof is in his new album, "Thank You Mr Churchill." It finds him in introspective mood, and fittingly nostalgic for a man who turned 60 last month.

"I had this piece of music and an idea which was: What would it have been like if my Dad had not come back from the war? If the Allies had not won?"

He recalled growing up on the southern outskirts of London with still bombed-out buildings and his baby orange juice rationed well into the 1950s.

"It was bad enough after we won, let alone if we had lost

and I just used Churchill as the thank you," he said. "It's about me, but it's more about what happened at the time."

"DO YOU FEEL LIKE WE DO?"

Frampton's father did return from the war, and it was his family who started him on his life's musical journey.

His father had played guitar in a college band and his mother had won a scholarship to drama school, although she did not go. But it was a banjolele (a banjo-ukulele hybrid) from his Music Hall-loving grandmother that got him interested in music when he was about seven.

Later, "Vaudeville Nanna," who is immortalized on a track on the new album, would buy Peter his first guitar and by the time he heard American rock 'n rollers like Eddie Cochran and Buddy Holly on the radio, he was hooked.

But, like many English guitarists, his big influences were Hank Marvin of The

Shadows and Bert Weedon. "Learn to play like Bert Weedon!" Frampton's blue eyes lit up at the name.

Frampton played in a band at school called the TrueBeats. "It started basically because of the Shadows and Hank Marvin. He was really the reason I wanted to be a guitar player."

More than four decades later he got Marvin to play on his last album, 'Fingerprints.' "It was like a dream come true." Frampton left school at 16 and joined a London band, the Herd, who had a few psychedelic pop hits. But for Frampton, the band was a stepping-stone to bigger things.

He was dubbed "The Face of '68" by British teen magazine Rave because of his boyish, photogenic looks. But it was his guitar-playing that got him noticed too and that year he formed Humble Pie with Steve Marriott of the Small Faces. "LINES ON MY FACE" □

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# BUSINESS

## Aruba TODAY

# Stocks mostly hold gains after European bailout

By TIM PARADIS,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The stock market showed signs of stability Tuesday as major indexes held on to most of their rebound from last week's big drop.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 37 points after fluctuating for much of the day. Broader indicators were mixed.

Analysts said it was reassuring that the market kept most of its gains from Monday, when the Dow soared 405 points in response to the creation of a bailout fund for weak countries like Greece. Tuesday's trading signaled that the previous day's big move wasn't solely driven by euphoria.

"I'm very encouraged by the market action," said Keith Walter, portfolio manager of the Artio Global Equity Fund in New York. "I think today was a more important day than yesterday."

More bad news from Europe or elsewhere could always unravel the advance. Even with Monday's rise, stocks are only back to where they were about a week ago.

The easing of worries about Europe allowed traders to focus on the stronger economic picture in the U.S. The Commerce Department said wholesale inventories rose 0.4 percent in March. That was just short of economists' forecasts. But sales increased by more than double the expected amount, a sign that demand is improving.

Investors have been concerned that problems in weaker European countries would disrupt a global economic recovery.

"We've taken the panic out of the market," said Paul Zemsky, head of asset allocation at



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ING Investment Management in New York. "In the U.S. market the fundamentals are clearly good."

Zemsky also said last week's slide made it more likely that stocks would resume their climb. The bailout helped reassure investors that European countries would act decisively to protect the euro. However several weaker countries will still have to make deep spending cuts to rebuild confidence in the euro, which could slow a recovery in Europe's economy.

Asian markets retreated after a report showed inflation in China accelerated last month. China has already spooked markets by clamping down on bank lending to cool its economy, and investors worried that the inflation report could lead Chinese authorities to tap the brakes on its huge economy again. That could hurt U.S. and other companies that do business with China.

Global economic indicators, such as the U.S. government's monthly jobs report, have been overshadowed recently as investors feared debt problems in Greece would

spread. Traders have also been concerned about how much European debt woes would hurt the euro, the currency used by 16 European countries.

The Dow fell 36.88, or 0.3 percent, to 10,748.26. The Dow dropped by as much as 100 points shortly after the opening bell and rose as much as 89 points in afternoon trading. The index has ended lower in five of the past six days.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.94, or 0.3 percent, to 1,155.79, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 0.64, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,375.31.

On Monday, major stock indexes recorded their biggest advance since March 2009. The Dow rose 3.9 percent, while the S&P 500 index surged 4.4 percent.

Treasury prices were little changed after plunging on Monday when investors dumped safe investments following news of the European bailout. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, edged down to 3.53 percent from 3.54 percent. □

## Kan. House passes sales tax hike, sends it to gov.

By JOHN HANNA,  
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. — An increase in Kansas' sales tax cleared the Legislature early Tuesday morning, a change that will force consumers to pay more for groceries and other items to protect public schools and government services from cuts.

The House voted 64-61 for a bill boosting the 5.3 percent sales tax to 6.3 percent on July 1, when the state's next fiscal year begins. The action sent the measure to Democratic Gov. Mark Parkinson because the Senate approved it Saturday.

Parkinson is expected to sign the bill, having urged the Republican-controlled Legislature to raise taxes to protect aid to public schools and state programs. Also, a \$13.6 billion budget approved by legislators for the next fiscal year won't balance without the \$314 million in revenues from the tax increase. "The bipartisan, balanced budget on its way to my desk reflects the values and priorities of Kansans," Parkinson said in a written statement. "No tax is a good tax, but a penny is a small price to pay for a state as great as ours."

With the tax bill approved, legislators expected to wrap up their business Tuesday, their 89th day in session, one short of what their leaders had scheduled.

The proposed state budget won House approval Saturday, after an 18-hour debate. Senators approved it Monday.

Parkinson had said he wouldn't accept significant cuts in education funding, social services or other programs, following multiple rounds of reductions last year.

Democrats and moderate Republicans in both chambers agreed with his argument that additional reductions would be crippling. They drafted both the proposed budget — preserving education funding and other programs — and the bill raising the sales tax.

But conservative Republicans argued that raising taxes wasn't necessary, would hurt working families and would keep the state's economy in a recession longer. Both the budget and the tax increase passed over their objections.

"I think we're taxed enough," said Rep. Joe Patton, a Topeka Republican. "In this debate, the taxpayer has become the forgotten person."

Not only does Kansas levy its sales tax on clothing, appliances, computers, cars and other items, it is one of 15 states to impose such a tax on groceries.

But Parkinson noted that Kansas' sales tax will remain at 6.3 percent through June 2013, then drop to 5.7 percent, with some of the remaining revenues diverted to highway projects. The 1-cent sales tax is a temporary solution which prevents permanent damage to our children's education, our communities' public safety and the care we provide to vulnerable citizens," Parkinson said.

But the House Republican leaders, conservatives who opposed raising taxes, said the potential damage to schools and government programs was greatly overstated by supporters of a tax increase.

House GOP leaders proposed a budget that would balance without a tax increase. On Monday, they backed off a plan that would have reduced aid to public schools in favor of one that would have raised the necessary money by selling unused state buildings, land and other property. □

# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### LPGA player Blasberg dies; police investigating



In this May 23, 2008, file photo, Erica Blasberg tees off on the seventh hole during the second round of the LPGA Corning Classic golf tournament in Corning, N.Y.

*Associated Press*

OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — LPGA golfer Erica Blasberg died Sunday in a Las Vegas suburb according to police and her agent.

Henderson police spokesman Keith Paul said Monday that authorities were investigating the 25-year-old American's death. It was not immediately clear whether foul play was involved.

Paul said police responded to a 911 call and were dispatched to Blasberg's suburban three-

bedroom house around 3 p.m. on Sunday. Paul declined to say who made the call, saying it was part of the investigation. Blasberg's agent, Chase Callahan, confirmed her death but declined to provide details because of the investigation. Messages left with the coroner's office in Las Vegas on Monday were not returned.

Blasberg played her only LPGA Tour event this year two weeks ago in Mexico and tied for 44th.

She found greater success in college, winning six times in two years at the University of Arizona and playing on the Curtis Cup team in 2004. She turned professional that year. LPGA spokesman David Higdon called Blasberg's

death a "tough hit" for women's golf.

"She was a very popular player and well-liked and we're going to miss her," Higdon said. "This is a very close-knit group of players and tour and we're saddened by what happened."

LPGA player Meg Mallon said the news will "hit hard" for tour participants.

"I'm just very sad and just really kind of sick to my stomach that a life ended so young," Mallon said.

"People in Mexico passed her by or hit balls next to her on the range and everyone's having their own moments right now," she said.

Blasberg's death was first reported by Golfweek magazine. □

### Tiger's swing coach resigns

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Tiger Woods' longtime swing coach resigned Monday night, leaving the world's No. 1 player without one of his top advisers as he tries to rebuild his game.

Hank Haney said in a statement to the Golf Channel that he enjoyed working with Woods but he thinks it's time for him to step aside as his coach.

"I will always look back upon our past half-dozen years together as my best days in professional golf," he said. "It would be a dream of any coach to have a student like Tiger Woods and for me it has come true. Just so there is no confusion I would like to make it clear that this is my decision. I know Tiger Woods will be successful in the future no matter who helps him."

There had been speculation at The Players Championship that Woods was about to leave Haney, his swing coach since 2004. But he said earlier Monday he was working with Haney on his swing.

Haney's resignation is another blow for Woods, who was forced to withdraw during the final round at TPC Sawgrass because of neck spasms. It was his first withdrawal from



In a Feb. 20, 2007 file photo Tiger Woods uses his putter to indicate a point of interest to coach Hank Haney during a practice session for the World Golf Championships Accenture Match Play Championship in Marana, Ariz. Haney said Monday April 10, 2010 in a statement to the Golf Channel that he enjoyed working with Woods but he thinks it's time for him to step aside as his coach.

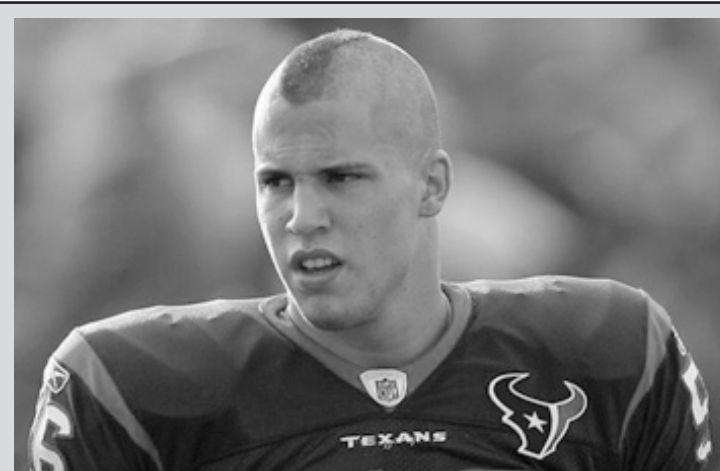
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a tournament since the Nissan Open at Riviera in 2006, and came on the heels of his missed cut at Quail Hollow following the highest 36-hole score of his career.

Haney was right by Woods'

side as he prepared to compete in the Masters in his first tournament since a sex scandal shattered his image. He tied for fourth at Augusta, but it's been all downhill since.

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In this Oct. 25, 2009, file photo, Houston Texans linebacker Brian Cushing (56) looks on during an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Houston. Cushing had been suspended four games without pay on Friday, May 7, 2010, for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

*Associated Press*

### AP Source: Texans Cushing tested positive for HCG

BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston Texans linebacker Brian Cushing tested positive for HCG, a fertility drug that is on the NFL's banned substance list.

A person familiar with Cushing's case told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Cushing had one positive test last September, then subsequently tested negative several times. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the test results were supposed to remain confidential. □

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*NHL Playoffs*

# Canadiens beat Penguins 4-3, force Game 7

The Associated Press  
MONTREAL (AP) — Michael Cammalleri scored his second goal of the game midway through the second period and Jaroslav Spacek put Montreal ahead 2-30 later as the Canadiens who forced a Game 7 in the Eastern Conference semifinals with a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday. Maxim Lapierre also scored 11:03 into the third to give Montreal a 4-2 lead. Bill Guerin deflected Sergei Gonchar's slap shot from the right point past Jaroslav Halak with 1:24 remaining to draw Pittsburgh within one. But the Canadiens held on to set up Game 7 in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. Halak stopped 34 shots for the eighth-seeded Canadiens. Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby scored his first goal in seven games in the first period. Crosby earned an assist for his 19th point in 12 games

when Kris Letang scored for a second game in a row early in the second. That made it 2-1 for the Penguins, who had closed out five straight playoff series with a road win. Flyers 4, Bruins 0 At Boston, Michael Leighton came off the bench after Brian Boucher was injured and made 14 saves to complete the combined shutout, leading Philadelphia over Boston and helping the Flyers avoid elimination in Game 5 of the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinals. Boucher left after injuring his knee at the bottom of a pileup in the crease at 4:35 of the second period. Leighton, who had been the starter before he was injured on March 16, made his first career playoff appearance and finished off the first combined shutout in the Flyers' postseason history. Simon Gagne, who scored in overtime to win Game 4,

Montreal Canadiens Maxim Lapierre, center, celebrates his third period goal against the Pittsburgh Penguins with teammates Dominic Moore, left, and Jaroslav Spacek in Game 6 NHL Eastern Conference semi-final hockey action Monday, May 10, 2010 in Montreal.

*Associated Press*

netted two goals, Ville Leino had a goal and an assist, and Scott Hartnell also scored to help the Flyers force the series back to Philadelphia for a sixth game on Wednesday night. If they win, it's back to Boston for a decisive Game 7. The 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1975 New York Islanders are the only NHL teams to come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a best-of-seven playoff series. Tuukka Rask stopped 27 shots for Boston, which missed a second chance to clinch the series and advance to the conference finals for the first time since 1992. □



Taste the moment ...

## Viswanathan Anand retains world title

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Viswanathan Anand of India retained his world chess title Tuesday by winning with black against Bulgarian challenger Veselin Topalov. The score was 5.5-5.5 before the last game. Each player needed only one win to secure the match. Anand's 56-move win came in the last of a possible 12 games between the two, allowing the 40 year-old Indian grandmaster to retain the title he won in 2008. The match started Apr. 24., a day later than planned. Anand, whose arrival to Sofia was delayed due to the cloud of volcanic ash from Iceland, lost the first game against



World Chess champion Viswanathan Anand from India, right, watches as his Bulgarian challenger Veselin Topalov, makes a move during their 12th game in the FIDE World Chess Championship match in the Bulgarian capital Sofia, Tuesday, May, 11, 2010.

*Associated Press*

Topalov but quickly recovered to draw level in the second. The Indian won the fourth game and took a one point lead before Topalov stroke back for a second time in the eighth game. The remaining games ended in draws. □

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Los Angeles Lakers center Pau Gasol (16), of Spain, drives toward the basket as Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer, right, defends during the first half of Game 4 of the NBA Western Conference second-round playoff series in Salt Lake City, Monday, May 10, 2010.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Kobe Bryant scored 32 points, and Pau Gasol added 33 points and 14 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers completed a four-game sweep of the Utah Jazz with a 111-96 victory

on Monday to advance to the Western Conference finals for the third straight year. The Lakers quickly ended the Jazz's hopes of extending the series by pulling ahead by 22 in the second quarter. Utah

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## NBA Playoffs

# L.A. complete sweep of Jazz

got within five in the third, but couldn't sustain the comeback against the defending NBA champions, who made very few mistakes and didn't give the Jazz many chances to rally.

Los Angeles had just six turnovers and made 29-of-36 foul shots while knocking Utah out of the playoffs for the third straight year. The Lakers are off until hosting the Phoenix Suns next Monday in Game 1 of the West finals. Deron Williams led Utah with 21 points and nine assists.

Magic 98, Hawks 84

At Atlanta, Vince Carter scored 22 points to lead another dominating performance by Orlando, which finished off its second straight playoff sweep.

Orlando won the four games by a total of 101 points, the largest margin ever in a four-game sweep of an NBA playoff series.

The Magic, who lost to the Lakers in last year's NBA finals, have won 14 in a row — the last eight in the playoffs

— and 28 of 31 games. They will face either Boston or Cleveland in the Eastern Conference finals.

Hawks star Joe Johnson finished off a miserable series by scoring only 14 points on 5-of-15 shooting. He was booed by the home crowd at the start of the game and got the same treatment when he went to the bench with 3:51 to play. The fans were still miffed that he said didn't care if they "showed up or not" after they heckled the team in a 30-point loss on Saturday. □

## COACH RESIGNS

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"As we all know, Tiger has been through a lot in the past six months, and I really believe that given the chance, mind free and injury free, we will all see Tiger Woods play once again like we all know he can," Haney said. "I wish Tiger well, not only with his golf, but in finding peace and happiness in all aspects of his life. Tiger knows that if he ever

needs me in any way, whether it be with his golf or just as a friend he can always call."

Compounding Woods' problems on the course is his health, which has put his schedule in flux.

Woods said during Monday's news conference that his neck started bothering him two weeks before the Masters. He brushed it off as "no big deal" and believed he could play through the pain. That



changed on Sunday at The Players Championship, where his creaky neck locked up and prevented him from making his usual forceful turn on the ball on even a routine shot.

Woods, who was in suburban Philadelphia to promote this summer's AT&T National, said he's been taking anti-inflammatory drugs, but they have not helped. He plans to have an MRI when he returns to Orlando, and was noncommittal about playing the U.S. Open on June 17-20. □

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# Federer cruises into 3rd round of Madrid Masters

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Associated Press Writer

MADRID (AP) — Defending champion Roger Federer shrugged off his recent dip in form to cruise into the third round of the Madrid Masters on Tuesday, beating Benjamin Becker of Germany 6-2, 7-6 (4).

The top-seeded Federer broke serve straight away and then broke again to close out the first set. He missed two match points when 5-6 up in the second set before taking control of the second set tiebreaker to win in 1 hour, 21 minutes.

Federer is seeking to improve his game in Madrid. He lost his first clay-court match of the year at the Rome Masters before exiting the Estoril Open at the semifinal stage.

The Swiss has reached the final in three of the last four years and is hoping Madrid will galvanize his season as it did last year, when he went on to win the French Open and Wimbledon.

"I'm happy with the way I reacted after all that happened in the last few weeks and months," Federer said. "The moment the match started, I felt great. I was hitting the ball fine and I think the center court here just feels right to me — I've never lost on it, so that gives me confidence and I think it showed today in my game."

Federer will play either Stanislas Wawrinka or Julien Benneteau.

Fernando Verdasco lived up to his billing as home favorite by beating Ivo Karlovic of Croatia 7-6 (5), 6-3 in their first meeting on clay.

In a tight opening set, Verdasco struggled to handle Karlovic's serve although the sixth seed looked altogether more comfortable with the return in the second.

"The tie-break in the first set boosted my confidence and allowed me to play more calmly in the second set, and in the end to break him," said Verdasco.

The Spaniard says he dreams of winning in Madrid — this is his eighth straight year competing in the tournament. Last year he lost to Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals.

"It's always a pleasure to play in my city and it makes me proud," he said.

In the first round, 16th-seeded Thomaz Bellucci beat Pere Riba of Spain 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Wild card David Nalbandian, the champion in 2007, and his opponent Tomas Berdych both withdrew due to separate injuries before their match. The organizers did not specify the nature of the injuries.

Michael Russell and Mardy Fish, two players who narrowly failed to get through the qualifying phase, were drafted in as replacements. Fish won the match 6-2, 7-6 (1).

Juan Ignacio Chela, Eduardo Schwank, Philipp Petzschner, Ernests Gulbis, Marcos Baghdatis, Stanislas



Roger Federer from Switzerland returns the ball during his match against Benjamin Becker from Germany at the Madrid Open Tennis Tournament in Madrid, on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

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Wawrinka, Victor Hanesu, John Isner, Mikhail Youzhny and Daniel Munoz-De La Nava also progressed to the second round.

On the women's side, 2009 finalist Caroline Wozniacki was beaten 6-2, 6-3 in an upset by 26th-ranked Alona Bondarenko. The Ukrainian will play Li Na of China in the third round.

Wozniacki said she was still recovering from an ankle injury although she was confident of being fully fit for the French Open.

"When you've twisted you're ankle a few times, as I have, you need your confidence back, especially on clay. It's uneven, and you need to be

confident that you really can go out there and slide really wide," she said.

In another shock result, Alexandra Dulgheru of Romania beat sixth seeded Elena Dementieva of Russia, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

In other second-round matches, Patty Schnyder beat ninth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, and Anabel Medina Garrigues defeated 12th-seeded Marion Bartoli 6-2, 6-0.

Andrea Petkovic of Germany downed 14th-seeded Flavia Pennetta 7-6 (3), 6-3 on her debut in Madrid.

Eighth-seeded Samantha Stosur edged Italian Open Champion Maria Jose Dulgheru.

Martinez Sanchez of Spain 7-6 (2), 6-4. The Australian has now won 13 of 14 matches on clay this season.

"I don't think I could've asked for a much better preparation going into the French," Stosur said. "To get at least three matches here is great, so everything from here on is a bonus. If it ends up being a few more this week, then that's great."

Nadia Petrova, seeded 16th, beat Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-2, 7-5 in an all-Russian match.

Other winners were Shahar Peer, Lucie Safarova, Aravane Rezai, Alona Bondarenko, Li Na and Alexandra Dulgheru.

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*During visit to Costa Rica*

## Aruban Prime Minister meets with Aruban Medical Students

ORANJESTAD - During the visit of the Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman in Costa Rica, he held a reunion of more or less 50 Aruban Students who are studying Medicine in Costa Rica. The group of students exchanged information and ideas with Prime Minister Eman in the house of Dutch Ambassador Matthjis van Bozel in Costa Rica. Discussions were made with School Deans from the Ciencias Medicas (UCIMED) Dr. Pablo Guzman and Walter Balonjos of the Universidad Latina. The students had the opportunity to meet and have discussions with Mario Genser, Carlos and Isabel Yagua, Augusto Bermudez, Dora Tabares, Gerrald Martes, Charl Kelly and Genevieve Arendsz kendenan regarding scholarships and accreditations. The students were very pleased with the Prime Minister's attention and preoccupation with them. □



*Popular Aruban TV talk show*

## Papia Cla hosts world Renowned Dutch police dog trainer



ORANJESTAD - World renowned Dutch K9 trainer Dick van Leenen is Tito Lacle's guest on the popular talk show programa Papia Cla tonight. Van Leenen currently on vacation here in Aruba, will discuss various methods used to train dogs into becoming 'police dogs', and what all that entails. Van Leenen just returned from another important mission in Arizona, USA where he conducted another successful training for Arizona Law officials and FBI personal. The Dutch K9 department supplies the Dutch

police elite force (KLPD) with strong trained dogs, which are frequently purchased by the FBI, CIA and Scotland Yard. Van Leenen heads that training center in Nunspeet and spends most of his time recruiting and purchasing potential dogs around the Netherlands and turns them into working police dogs. Don't miss this most fascinating program with guest Dick van Leenen as Tito Lacle's guest tonight airing on Aruba's local TV station Tele Aruba (channel 13 or 23) on Wednesday at 8:45pm. □

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# A new menu for a revamped Chino Latino



PALM BEACH - Chino Latino Restaurant at The Village has undergone a facelift. Vertically cut in two, with the cozy bar area, the kitchen and the decorations giving the restaurant its great atmosphere, the focus now lies on the spacious terrace. A bright red canopy provides shade during the sunset hour as diners peruse the new menu. "We put the emphasis on good food and after dinner drinks, not so much on late nightlife,"

tells manager of Chino Latino, John Boomkamp. He announces that there is a daily Happy Hour, which starts at 10 pm and continues until midnight.

Drink specials include Balashi and Polar beer, Heineken, hulk mix drinks, wine and a number of hot cocktails including favorites Cuba Libre or a mojito.

The menu holds several favorites like ceviche, fajita's, tuna tataki en home made

sushi by the new, very good Chinese chef. Lots of tempura options on skewers will gain fans as well. Other choices include appetizers like dim sum, nachos or coconut shrimp, salads and soups like the Miso soup, a Mexican Fish soup or a Thai salad. Entrees like Japanese Curry, King Pao chicken, Peking duck are all-time favorites, just like the Surf & Turf.

At Chino Latino you can create your own wok menu, select your own cooking style



and choose white rice, fried rice or stir-fried noodles as accompaniment. Desserts include fried ice cream, banana tempura and cheesecake.

The bar is amazing: it holds 25 brands of rum, 24 of vodka, there are wines from California, Chili and South Africa as well as champagnes and a rice wine, of course. Six brands of beer and beer on tap (Heineken) are available and upscale cocktails, martinis and frozen and on the rocks drinks can be ordered. The

Bartenders' Specialties section in the menu needs special attention!

Chino Latino is ready to rumble: the music is playing, the chef is cooking up a storm and the drinks are cold and refreshing. Check out the amazing transformation of Chino Latino and enjoy! Chino Latino is open from 5 pm until 1 am; on Fridays and Saturdays the restaurant is open until 3 am. And don't forget the daily Happy Hour from 10 pm until midnight. □

At Café the Plaza

# Polesitters climb their poles this Thursday



ORANJESTAD - The 2010 Polesitting Championships at Café the Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace start on Thursday, May 13. Three polesitters have confirmed their presence: Heidi Schipper, Kevin Immerzeel and Liesbeth Croes are ready to rumble. Two more polesitters are still pending, but they probably will climb their poles at 7.30 am in the company of Heidi, Kevin and Liesbeth. Liesbeth is a veteran sitter: she broke the record two years ago with a whopping 86 hours. To break the 2010 record a total of 87 hours and 15 minutes have to be spent on top of a pole.

Heidi Schipper is a waitress at Chef's Tables restaurant. She is 24 years old and has been on the island more than 2 years now. Her home in Holland is Nieuwekerk a/d IJssel; she has studied at the Middelbare Hotelschool in Rotterdam. Her

interest in polesitting came via her friend and colleague Steven, who was disqualified when he stepped off his pole by accident during a fuzzy spell.

Kevin Immerzeel is 23 years old. He is a stagiair at the Holiday Inn Resort and works as a Housekeeping Supervisor. He has studied at the Hoge Hotelschool in Maastricht, in the south of Holland. Kevin has only been on the island for 3 months; his polesitting effort will be one big adventure.

Everyone knows Liesbeth, we think. The gorgeous 29-year old is the mother of stunning Zoë, now not a toddler anymore. Born in Oirschot in the Netherlands, Liesbeth has been on Aruba for 7 years. This is the third year that she is a polesitter. The first year she sat

80 hours, the second 86. We'll watch her closely, as Liesbeth



is a stayer!

With lots of activities and events planned by the Save Our Donkey foundation (Salba nos Burico), the charity of this year's Polesitting Championships, the polesitters will not be bored at all. Expect cute donkeys to be present, many children's games and fun for adults as well. The 2010 Polesitting Championships at Café the Plaza are held from May 13 through 16. □

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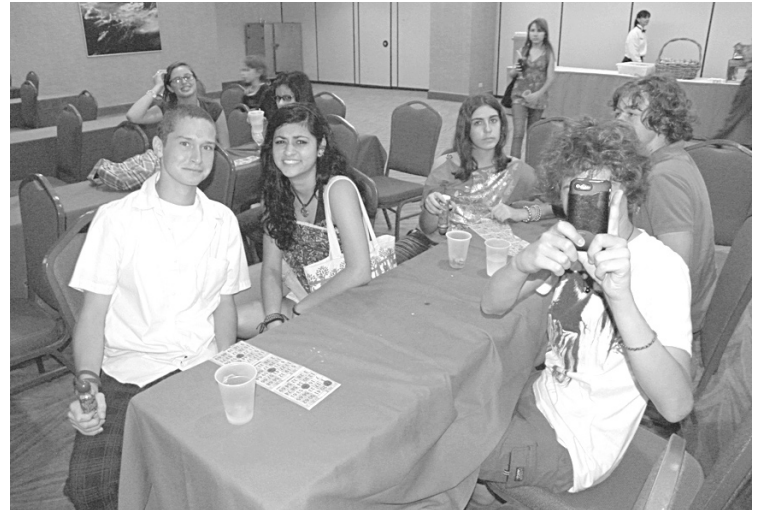
WESTIN - Recently, the PTO of International School of Aruba organized a fund-raising bingo afternoon at the ballroom of Westin. The Bingo was arranged with the

support of School community and many of its well-wishers and supporters. ISA students supported by their parents and teachers and a number of prominent local



business persons showed up for this Bingo, proceeds of which have been earmarked for Technological support to the Elementary section of the School. Everyone present had a good time during this afternoon.

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## Fire in substation near hotel area

### Blackout disturbs residents, guests in Palm Beach

ORANJESTAD—Many Noord residents and even hotel guests here in Aruba experienced some discomfort earlier this week after a fire halted electricity service. The electricity distribution company ELMAR was confronted with a major black out in the Palm Beach area and other residential areas in Noord, after a fire was reported in the Palm Beach substation. ELMAR decided to shut down distribution immediately.

It took over 18 hours for technicians to isolate the problem, repair the station and put it back in line for the most of the affected area.

However, many hotels, including the Occidental, Playa Linda, Holiday Inn and the Marriott, as well as shopping malls including Paseo Herencia were left 'in the dark.' Some guests did not notice much of the electricity fall out because hotels in Aruba usually have

generators on hand as back up. Other hotels that were not affected were asked to reduce their electricity usage in order not to overload other systems that were still in function, and hoteliers were ready to cooperate. Shopping malls in Noord and on the Palm Beach strip were not that lucky. Many were not able to provide service, including the Noord Medical Center.

While ELMAR worked around the distribution of electricity, the technicians worked around the clock to find a solution for the failed substation. The DC unit in the Palm Beach substation (a battery system) caught fire, reason still unknown. ELMAR engineers replaced the unit, with the one from the San Nicolas substation. The San Nicolas area affected by the swap will be fed with electricity produced by the Water and Electricity Plant directly. □

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You cannot force

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Now comes the hard part. Once you have given them access to the information, your job is to truly not care if they are open to it or not. You are not allowed to get upset if they don't respond the way you expect or want them to. If you do get upset, it means that you are trying to control them, even if you think you're trying to save them.

With children, it is important to maintain a balance between allowing their personal expression and maintaining boundaries. Any living entity without well-defined, clear, consistent boundaries becomes unbalanced.

If you don't force your ideas onto others, others will not force their ideas onto you. If you truly love someone, let them be who they are. There is no such thing as conditional love. If the way they are upsets you, it is a

sign that you are trying to control them. The more you relinquish control and just let them be, the easier your relationship will become. The trick is to truly allow your emotions to let go. Once you gain control over yourself, you will neither need nor want to have control over others.

If your family and loved ones will evolve differently than you, so don't worry about it. Just let them be themselves and don't impose your reality onto them. Evolution is deeply personal and everyone will evolve at different times in different ways. Be understanding and accepting of everyone's personal path. If you can let go, you are evolving.

If people are trying to force their reality onto you, first detach your emotions. Without emotion, you can see them clearly, as insecure people who need your acknowledgement to empower themselves. In this light, you can have compassion for them and send them Love. You will be shocked at how quickly they detach from you. When they do, it is up to you to not cling to them. We unconsciously become attached to being under someone else's

control. As much as we hate it, we can also crave it when it's gone. Be aware and be empowered.

Until Tomorrow...

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## ~Quentin Danziger

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PALM BEACH – Amazonia Churrascaria was busy serving a hungry crowd, dishing out fantastic food in a festive ambiance designed to please mothers, celebrating in a multi-generational style the most important part of each family, its heart, on Mother's Day.

Restaurant Manager Hubert Solagnier reports it was a record year for Amazonia Churrascaria and that all mothers present and their family members enjoyed a tasty and relaxing afternoon and evening, savoring Brazilian style Rodizio slow-cooking, served with love. □



## Celebrate tonight with Live Music & Entertainment at Casa Tua Barcelona



ORANJESTAD - Casa Tua Barcelona's Flamenco Show is the spot to be tonight with Angela Croes TONIGHT and then again on Friday. On Thursday enjoy the amazing sounds Kavey Yarzagaray.

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The highlight at Casa Tua Barcelona is also the new lunch specials every weekday from Monday till Friday! A \$9.95 lunch special; Beef tenderloin



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# Mothers are Queens for the Day at El Gaucho



ORANJESTAD — In appreciation of mothers as the source of love on earth, many family members came to El Gaucho Argentine Grill to spend quality time with Mom, their Queen for the day showering her with love and attention, enjoying the finest Argentine meats and Aruban flavored fresh seafood platters, with live entertainment, raffles and surprises.

It was a memorable afternoon and evening as moms enjoyed the El Gaucho experience, the flowers, the music, the ambiance and the totally delicious food.



# The Root Cause – Biocompatible Dentistry

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The new patient is understandably upset. "But, Doc, I paid a lot for that root canal that you insist is pulled". "Imagine", I reply "that a surgeon opens up your abdomen, extracts the pus from your infected appendix, injects chemicals into it then leaves the dead organ in place as he sews up your abdomen!"

Repulsed, the patient replies "He should take it out, I don't need it anymore". Exactly! Why would you allow a surgeon to treat any organ in your body that way? Inoperative, infected organs, an appendix, gall bladder, kidney, tooth, or thyroid gland need to be extracted from your body not left in as a breeding ground for infection.

A tooth, you ask? Absolutely! Recently back from presenting how the condition of one's mouth is an indication of the condition of their health to the International Association of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT), I understand that teeth are actually tiny organs. Leaving dead or severely infected organs in the mouth affects the entire body. I believe severely infected or dead teeth should be extracted.

Teeth are more complicated than they look. Teeth have a soft center that contains blood vessels and nerves. Dentin, a hard but porous tissue is located under the outer enamel of the tooth. Although dentin is harder than bone it has many fine capillary canals running through it. These canals join the soft pulp center and run through the hard dentin to the surface of the tooth.

Root canal therapy

also known as endodontic therapy is a process by which a dentist removes as thoroughly as possible bacteria and organic debris from a breakdown inside the pulp of the tooth. Once this inner space has been cleaned the second half of treatment involves filling in and sealing the interior of the tooth. This is an attempt to minimize the possibility that bacteria will be able to re-infect the inside of the tooth or, that fluids from the canals can seep inside the tooth, become stagnant, and subsequently break down toxically.

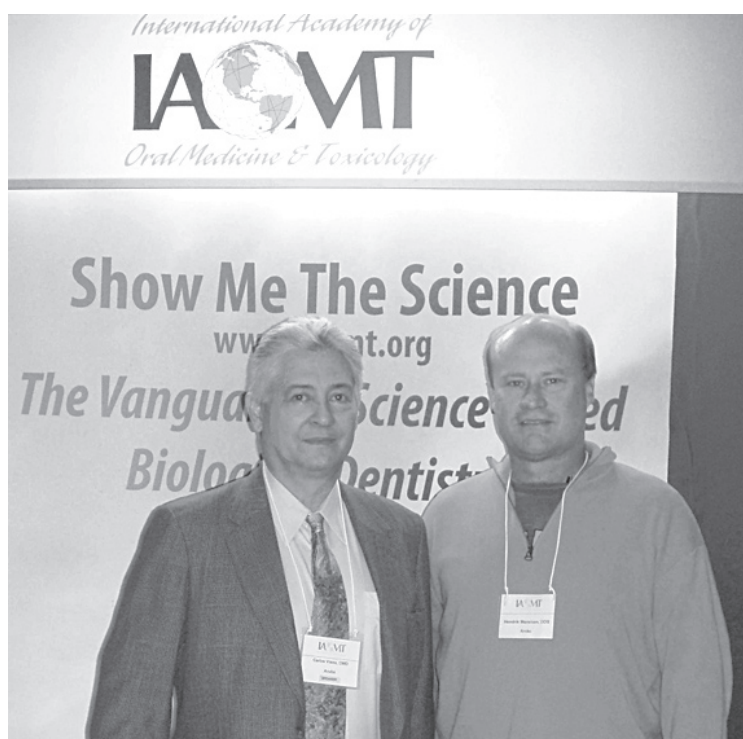
This process is theoretical and cannot completely seal off all the capillaries running through the dentin. A root canal produces a state of persistent inflammation in the tissues surrounding the tooth's root and from inside the tooth from the sealing that encapsulates any protein in the dentin which is a breeding ground for anaerobic bacteria. Meanwhile, in a root canalled tooth there is no effective way for white blood cells to get at the bacteria to combat them. At best your body will only be able to cordon off the infection inside your tooth. At worst, this bacterial infection will overwhelm your body's defense mechanisms and pain and swelling will ensue and develop an acute tooth abscess. A medical researcher, Hal Huggins, DDS, has shown that the toxins liberated by infected root canalled teeth are almost 1,000 times more toxic than botulism, the most natural toxic substance known.

Another little known, but serious dental problem which can affect the health

of entire body is a jawbone cavitation. This is a hole or pocket in the bone not visible to the eye which often causes no local discomfort, though it can be the hidden cause of facial pain. The most popular name is NICO – which stands for Neuralgia Inducing Cavitation Osteonecrosis. The most common origin is brought on by standard old fashioned dental treatment. When a tooth is extracted and a root tip or part of the periodontal membrane is left behind this debris becomes a focal point for infection in the bone. Sometimes the whole ligament is left behind developing an infection that has the outline of the extracted tooth, visible by x-ray.

Together with our Biocompatible (Biological or Holistic) dentist, we identify and clean nicos with effective results. When we open the sight we find a hole many times the size of the tooth that had occupied the space. Sometimes the hole is empty; at most we find a little jellylike debris. Working together with biocompatible dental colleagues I have found that nearly all dental infections are caused by anaerobic bacteria. Commonly known diseases caused by anaerobic bacteria are very serious and include gas gangrene, tetanus, and botulism.

The results of cleaning out a nico can be dramatic. Women who were scheduled for a breast biopsy to explore a "mass" that showed up in an ultrasound examination, had the mass completely disappear two days later when checked with ultrasound. A young man with "heart" symptoms felt the problems disappeared



spontaneously. A middle aged woman suffering from a chronic headache woke up the next day to announce "her friend" (headache) had gone away.

Get The Point! Most people are stunned to hear the profound impact their mouth and teeth have on their health. If you have had teeth pulled or root canalled, it is important to have a follow-up evaluation by a specially trained biological dentist. Silver amalgams do leak, periodontal disease is a sign of ill health and dental infections can spread throughout the body causing serious medical problems. Old fashioned dental thinking of "save the tooth at all costs" may be costing your health. Call us for a Biocompatible Dental Review. We connect the mouth to the whole body using a team of experts, including individual evaluations, state-of-the-art panoramic dental x-rays, blood and other test results. Let us develop a dental health restoration plan for that works for your entire body. – Viana

Healing is also, now in Noord at the Biocompatible Dental office: Practice for Advanced Dentistry (a Mercury Free practice) Bubali 11M.

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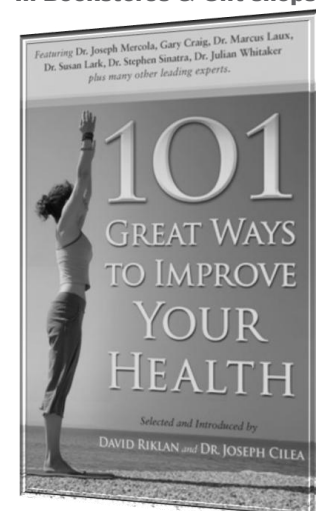
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# MOTHER'S DAY AT LA VISTA RESTAURANT WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS



**PALM BEACH** – On Sunday May 15, La Vista Restaurant had a fabulous Mother's Day Sunday Brunch. A lot of locals and tourists were present to celebrate this special day with their family and friends.

La Vista offered an extensive Mother's Day brunch with a selection of salad station, fresh fruit station, brunch entrees, carving station, omelet station, gourmet pizza station & dessert station. As

an extra touch especially for the local mothers La Vista also prepared the delicious local "chuculati di pinda", curry chicken and arroz morro. The La Vista staff would like to thank all of the Mothers that came to the Mother's Day celebration and enjoy the brunch buffet with them. Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino boasts 411 guestrooms -- the most spacious on the island -- each with large, private balconies overlooking lush landscape and the sparkling waters of the Caribbean Sea. On property, seven restaurants and cafes provide fare from light to elegant, while the largest



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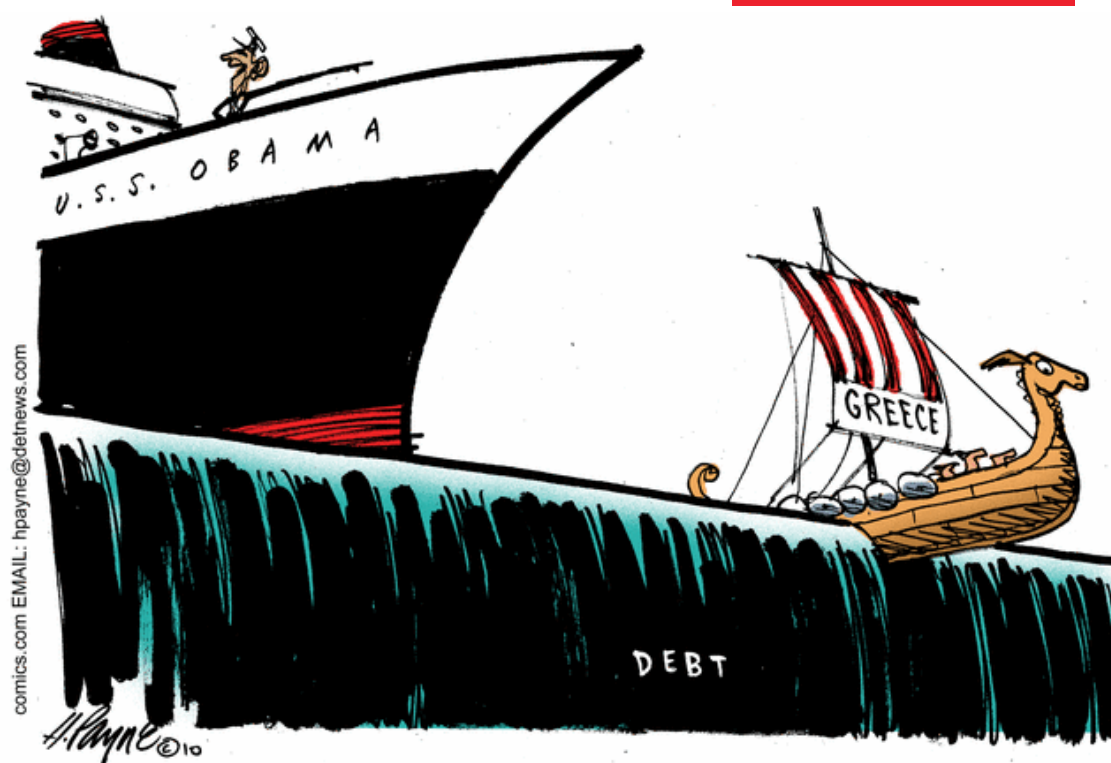
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## "FOLLOW THAT SHIP!" Elena Kagan as Supreme Court consensus builder?

By the Monitor's Editorial Board

One quality that President Obama admires in his Supreme Court nominee, Elena Kagan, is that of consensus-building – or her ability to respectfully listen to all sides and patiently bridge disagreements in order to form the widest coalitions.

She ably demonstrated those traits as dean of the Harvard Law School, bringing together a place known for its divisiveness and left-leaning tendencies. Mr. Obama hopes Ms. Kagan can be just as effective with the eight other justices on the bench if confirmed by the Senate.

The ability to reach across a political divide is what Obama also promised for himself as president during his 2008 campaign, hoping to win bipartisan support on major legislation. And John Roberts, the high court's chief justice who was nominated by President Bush in 2005, likewise promised during his Senate hearings to reduce the large number of 5-4 split decisions on the high court.

Mr. Roberts even specified how he would do it, saying a justice must act with humility and modesty in judging. "The broader the agreement among the justices," he said, "the more likely it is that the decision is on the narrowest possible ground."

But neither the president nor the chief justice has had much success so far in bridge-building with their ideological opponents. Most of the Supreme Court decisions are still decided by the "swing vote" justice, Anthony Kennedy, while Roberts himself was anything but narrow or consensual in the court's recent decision granting corporations the same free-speech rights as individuals. As for Obama, he has had to resort to rough political and legislative tactics in Congress to pass his health-care law and other measures.

This raises the question of whether Ms. Kagan, who is Obama's solicitor general in the Justice

Department, will fall into the same take-no-prisoners politics of Washington. Her bridge-building abilities will be even more important considering that she would simply be a liberal replacing a liberal on the court for the departing Justice John Paul Stevens. She's not expected to change the ideological makeup on the bench.

Much of the questioning of Kagan by senators during her confirmation hearings will likely be ideological, or a probing of her beliefs on legal matters from the rights of suspected terrorists to abortion. She will, of course, need to be careful in answering such questions so as not to taint her needed reputation of impartiality as a judge.

But it would be helpful if at least one senator tried to probe her abilities to find consensus and compromise. As one conservative Harvard colleague, Charles Fried, wrote of her: "She showed an ability to put aside disagreements with a [professorial] candidate's political or intellectual disposition and to see only the quality of the candidate's intellectual ability and potential contribution."

During her hearings last year to become solicitor general (the person who argues for the administration before the Supreme Court), Kagan did win some GOP praise but ended up with 31 Republicans voting against her final confirmation.

Such opposition reflects the main issue in legal circles: Should the past six decades in which courts have made decisions on major issues in society – in large part because elected leaders won't or can't – continue into the 21st century?

Now that the courts are a major arena for political activism in a litigious America, it is more difficult than ever to find consensus among the justices. Each new president has tried to sway the court one way or the other with his nominations. □

## Is Alan Mollohan The Next To Go?

Kyle Trygstad

Four days after Utah Republican Sen. Bob Bennett was shown the door by conservative delegates at the state party convention after 18 years of service, Alan Mollohan, the incumbent Democrat from West Virginia's 1st Congressional district, is facing perhaps his toughest re-election in nearly three decades in Congress.

Mollohan is squaring off today in the Democratic primary against state Sen. Mike Oliverio, an upstart who's put the incumbent on the defensive over his record in Washington. A recent television ad from Oliverio slammed Mollohan as "one of the most corrupt members of Congress." The state legislator has also skewered Mollohan for his vote in favor of health care reform and for initially supporting cap-and-trade. And Mollohan has been criticized for his propensity as an Appropriations subcommittee chairman to steer millions of dollars in earmarks to the district. Once seen as a virtue in a congressman's re-election campaign, earmarks this year have become symbolic of overspending by Washington.

Oliverio's received the backing of the Ogden newspaper chain, with papers across the district in Wheeling, Weirton and Parkersburg. And he raised more than \$320,000 through the third week of April, with more coming in as the primary drew closer.

Despite the challenge from his right, Mollohan is receiving help from the National Rifle Association, which is reaching out to voters in the district to highlight his 100 percent voting record and "A+" rating with the organization.

He's also responded with a TV ad, calling Oliverio "right wing" and tying him to the Tea Party and the state Republican Party.

State Sen. Jeff Kessler, whose district falls within the 1st district and who is running for governor in 2012, believes Mollohan will likely pull out a win today.

"He has a race on his hands, but I'd be surprised if he doesn't weather it," said Kessler, who did not endorse anyone in the primary. "This is the third race in a row he's been exposed to these kinds of attacks. I don't know that a different person singing the same tune is going to make a difference."

The Justice Department ended its four-year probe into Mollohan's personal finances earlier this year. The investigation did not affect his ability to win re-election in the last two cycles. Despite the negative press and help for his opponent from the national GOP in 2006, Mollohan still cruised to a 64 percent win, and he ran unopposed in 2008.

Whoever wins the Democratic primary will face one of a handful of well-funded Republicans vying for the GOP nomination, which has become nearly as contentious as the Democratic contest. □

# Colombia y EEUU firman acuerdo para regreso de cuerpos de paz

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Los cuerpos de paz de Estados Unidos regresarán a Colombia, después de casi tres décadas de ausencia, para desarrollar proyectos de cooperación y asistencia social en diferentes regiones del país, anunció el martes el canciller del país sudamericano, Jaime Bermúdez. El funcionario y el director de los Cuerpos de Paz, Aaron S. William, firmaron en Washington el acuerdo para restablecer dicho programa de iniciativas de ayuda social en Colombia. La decisión de Colombia podría despertar suspicacias y críticas de países vecinos como Venezuela, con el que Bogotá mantiene una crisis diplomática por la autorización que dio a militares estadounidenses para usar siete bases y realizar operaciones contra el narcotráfico y el terrorismo, según analistas. El Cuerpo de Paz es una



Imagen de archivo del canciller colombiano Jaime Bermúdez en Bogotá. Oct 30 2009. REUTERS/John Vizcaino/Archivo

agencia federal independiente de Estados Unidos que envía a voluntarios a más de 70 países a trabajar con gobiernos,

escuelas, organizaciones no gubernamentales y empresas en las áreas de educación, negocio, tecnología de

información, agricultura y ambiente. "Es una verdadera señal de interés, cooperación y amistad entre los dos países",

dijo Bermúdez citado en un comunicado de la cancillería colombiana que no precisó la cantidad de voluntarios que llegarán al país dentro del programa de cooperación. Los voluntarios de esta misión permanecieron en Colombia hasta comienzos de la década de 1980 y salieron por problemas de inseguridad derivados del conflicto interno después de que algunos de sus integrantes fueron secuestrados por grupos guerrilleros que los declararon objetivo militar. Estados Unidos es el mayor socio comercial de Colombia y su principal aliado en la lucha contra el narcotráfico y los grupos armados ilegales vinculados con la producción y el tráfico de cocaína como la guerrilla izquierdista. Antes de la firma del acuerdo, Colombia aclaró que la llegada de los cuerpos de paz no tiene relación con la asistencia en temas militares ni de seguridad. □

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